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Motorized Travel Management Collaborative Field Trip

Macdoel, CA – A recent field trip on the Goosenest Ranger District allowed local residents to share their concerns about implementation of the Travel Management Rule and Motor Vehicle Use Maps on the Klamath National Forest.

At the first stop on the tour, participants raised concerns about the quality, species and accessibility of firewood available. Goosenest District Ranger, Laura Allen talked about how future timber projects would be adapted to provide sustainable and safely accessible supplies of firewood, with more desirable species available for firewood cutters.

Ranger Allen also explained how the Motorized Travel Management Plan relates to permitted uses on the Goosenest Ranger District. Individuals with valid woodcutting permits can cut firewood and travel off-road to collect their wood on the district in designated areas.

In the general firewood cutting area on the Goosenest Ranger District, vehicles may leave the roadbed up to 100 feet from open system roads as represented in the Motor Vehicle Use Maps to load firewood.

Participants reminded forest personnel of the valuable contributions to forest management made by fuelwood cutters in removing dry fuels from the forest.



Forest employees and other participants listened intently as Siskiyou County Supervisor, Brandon Criss shared his constituents' concerns regarding the possible impact to hunters already planning their trips for the 2013 deer season. Locals worry if campers are asked to move from their campsite by Forest Service Law Enforcement officers they will not return in future years. Participants said if campers, hunters and other recreationists do decide not to return, they take with them the money they spend while recreating in the area.

Deputy Forest Supervisor, Chris Frisbee acknowledged the frustrations and concerns brought forward by participants. She recognized it is a tough issue and asked everyone to remember we all share a love for this forest and for the land itself.

The participants and Forest Service are planning another field trip on August 24, meeting again at 9 a.m. at the Goosenest District Office in Macdoel, CA to continue this discussion and see additional ways the Klamath National Forest plans to address concerns about Motorized Travel Management.

